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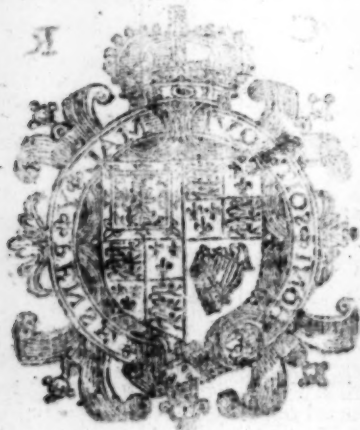
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and the Commulsioners.**

**W**E are commanded by the Houses of Parliament to desire Your Majestie to expresse your particular Exceptions to the Ordinances mentioned, and contained in the Proposition concerning the Church, that being reduced to certaintie and stated, they may be returned to both Houses.

Newport, 3. Novemb. 1648.

**I**N answer to your Paper of the 3. November, delivered in late last night, you desire His Majestie to expresse his Exceptions to severall Ordinances mentioned in your Proposition concerning the Church. His Majestie saith, that those Ordinances being many and large, and finding that after this day you can receive no more Papers without further Instructions, His Majestie conceives himself so limited in time, that he cannot so suddenly give you his particular Exceptions to the said Ordinances.

Newport, 4. Novemb. 1648.

**H**is Majesties Propositions delivered unto you the 17. Octob. 1648. having been transmitted by you to his two Houses, and His Majestie having received no answer thereunto, he desires to know whether you have yet received any Instructions concerning the same.

Newport, 4. Novemb. 1648.

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**W**hereas we by our Paper of the third instant desired Your Majesty to except to your Majesty's Exceptions to the Ordinances mentioned and contained in the Proposition concerning the Church, unto which Your Majesty by your Answer thereunto this fourth instant is pleased to say, those Ordinances being many and large, and that this day we can receive no more Papers without further Instructions, and therefore conceive your self so limited in time, that Your Majesty cannot so suddenly give your particular Exceptions to the said Ordinances: We humbly conceive, those Ordinances having been many daies since the beginning of this Treaty in Your Majesties hands, and under Your Majesties consideration, the same cannot be new unto Your Majesty: And therefore we againe humbly desire Your Majesty to expresse your particular Exceptions to the said Ordinances, as by our said Paper of the third of this instant, we have formerly desired.

**F**or a final answer to you, as to your Paper of the first of this instant, and the notes therein mentioned concerning the Church, His Majesty saith, that his Concessions expressed in that Paper, and misapprehended in these particulars following, viz. he neither did, nor doth intend, to make any more new Bishops during the terme of three yeares, nor in the end of three yeares, that the power of Ordination should be practised in the old manner as formerly, for that heretofore the Bishops were at liberty to call what Presbyters they would assist in ordaining, but were not bound to their Counsel or consent; but His Majesty doth now intend, and will consent, that Bishops shall not receive any into Holy Orders without the consent of a limited number of Presbyters, to be chosen in such manner as shall be agreed on by

his Majesty, and his two Houses for that purpose, neither did his Majestie intend that after the end of three years no certaine way should be settled concerning Ecclesiasticall Government; for that his Majesty did propose during the three years, to have a Consultation with the Assembly of Divines, twenty being added of his owne nomination; which if his two Houses shall resolve to entertaine, it cannot well be doubted, but upon the debate, such a Government will be agreed upon by his Majesty and his two Houses, as shall be best for the peace of the Church, and most proper to prevent those distractions which his two Houses apprehend may ensue.

And as to that part of the Proposition concerning the Booke of Common-Prayer, for the satisfaction of his two Houses, his Majesty will not insist upon any provision for continuance of the same in his Majesties Chappell for himselfe and his Houshold; nevertheless his Majestie declares, that he intends to use some other set form of Divine Service.

And as to that part of the Proposition, that an Act or Acts be passed for a stricter course to prevent the saying and hearing of Masse in the Court, or any other part of the Kingdome, or the Kingdome of Ireland, his Majestie will consent thereunto.

As to all other particulars in your Paper mentioned, his Majesty having in his former Answers consented so far as possibly he can, as he stands at present, perswaded in his judgement, doth refer himselfe thereunto. And since his Majestie by his Concessions hath brought all differences concerning the Church into so narrow a compass, that the chiefe visible obstruction is that, wherein really in conscience he is not satisfied: He hopes his two Houses will not put further pressures of so tender a nature.

trust upon him, when it is most likely the time and De-  
bate will happily reconcile all these differences.

Newport Novem. 4. 1648.

*His Majesties small Answer to the Paper  
concerning the Exceptions to the Ordi-  
nances about the Church.*

**F**Or a small Answer to you as to your Paper of the 4.  
instant, whereby you desire his Majesty to expresse his  
particular Exceptions to the Ordinances mentioned of the  
Propositions concerning the Church, His Majesty saith;  
that by his Answer of the 9. of Octob. he did expresse the  
generall reason why he did not consent to the severall Or-  
dinances in the forme they are now penned, and that he  
heard no more thereof untill he received your Paper late  
in the evening last night; so that though those Ordinan-  
ces have been many daies in his Majesties hand, and are  
not new unto him, yet this being the last day wherein  
you (by your Instructions) can receive any Papers from  
him, his Majesty cannot in so short time review the seve-  
rall Ordinances, and state the particular Exceptions there-  
unto, and therefore he adheres to his former Answer

Newport 4. Novem. 1648.

**H**aving received your Majesties severall Answers  
to our Paper of the first of this instant concern-  
ing the Church, and likewise to our Paper of the  
fourth of this instant, touching your Majesties particular  
Exceptions to the Propositions concerning the Church,



we shall communicate them to both Houses of Parliament.  
Newport 4. Novem. 1648.

**I**N Answer to your Majesties Paper delivered unto us this fourth of Novem. instant, whereby your Majesty desires to know whether we have received any Instructions concerning Your Majesties Propositions transmitted by us to both Houses of Parliament, we humbly say, that we have not yet received any Instructions concerning the

At the close of the Treaty the King made

a short Speech to this purpose.

**T**hat his Majesty hoped, the Commissioners were now sensible, that none was more desirous of a good and lasting peace then himselfe; That he had gone very far to give his two Houses satisfaction, that he thought, though the time for the Treaty was ended, yet the Treaty it selfe was not. That he expected to heare from his two Houses about his own Propositions, and would be ready to make such Concessions binding, by giving them the force of Lawes. He desired that the Commissioners would put a good interpretation upon his vehement expressions in one of his Debates, there being nothing in his intentions but kindnesse, and that as they had taken abundance of freedom, and shewed great abilities in their Debates, which

which have been published, and from whence his Majesty's  
 opinions, so his Majesty desired not that they should  
 power to recede from his Majesty's opinion, which have pre-  
 vailed with them, as his Majesty desired, that it be with his  
 two Houses, it might be done with them. And after  
 some speeches then made on the same grounds with his  
 two Houses, to move them to a compliance with him  
 in these things, his Majesty's conscience is not yet satisfied, in  
 which more than may do, his opinion not being like the  
 former, *peace and passion*, unalterable, or infalli-  
 ble. And his Majesty's very hearty thanks for the  
 advice they have taken to satisfy him, professing, that he  
 desired eloquence to commend their abilities; desired  
 opportunity to represent all the Transactions of the  
 Treaty to his two Houses, that they might see nothing of  
 his interest, how near or dear soever (but that wherein his  
 conscience is unsatisfied) can hinder on his part a happy  
 conclusion of this Treaty. And thus he and the Council  
 departed from the House, and a short time after  
 came to his hand, and received a great deal of  
 love from his Majesty.

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